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Statement From Mayor Reilly Regarding Ald. Cory Payne Conviction

I am aware that Alderman Cory Payne, District 15, plead guilty to Misdemeanor Battery and Misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct today. Mr. Payne is being held accountable in the eyes of the court. It is important to know that no one is above the law. Public officials need to be held to a high ethical standard at all times, not just when acting as an elected official.

I know that convictions for crimes like this can tarnish the city's reputation and erode the public's trust. Since the guilty plea involved misdemeanors, the convictions do not prohibit an individual from running for or holding public office. There is no automatic removal from office in this matter.

It will be up to the will of the voters within his district under the statutory recall provisions or the will of ¾'s or more of the Common Council under the provisions of Wisconsin Stats Section 17.16 to determine if removal from office will take place.

Lastly and most importantly, I have a high level of confidence in the team of public safety officials in keeping our city residents' safety and well-being protected.

My heart goes out to the family impacted by this incident.

Mayor Shawn N. Reilly

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